

OLL 85-3711
6 December 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: H.R. 1524 - Meeting With Jon Weintraub of
Representative William's Office

1. On November 27, 1985, I met with Jon Weintraub of Representative Pat William's office. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss further the exemption to H.R. 1524 for employees of Agency contractors.

2. I gave to Mr. Weintraub a copy of the attached: a note and two versions of an exemption for employees of Agency contractors (all attached at Tab A). The two versions were actually revisions of a draft exemption section previously supplied to Representative Hawkins, Chairman of the House Labor and Education Committee, under the cover of a letter, dated November 4, 1985, from Fred Ikle, Under Secretary of Defense For Policy (letter and exemption both attached at Tab B). Mr. Weintraub had previously supplied me with a copy of the Ikle letter asking if it met our concerns (insofar as we can determine, the Agency had not seen previously the Ikle letter in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) coordination process despite the fact that the draft exemption section attached thereto addresses the Agency's equities and despite the fact that the letter states on its face that it has OMB approval).

3. I explained to Mr. Weintraub that, as my note to him indicated, either version of the exemption would be acceptable to the Agency. He asked which was preferable. I responded that whichever version was be more likely to be accepted by those parties negotiating on the bill would be the version which the Agency would prefer. He concurred in this.

4. He showed me a copy of a draft of the report on H.R. 1524 by the House Education and Labor Committee. He indicated that he is in the process of "negotiating" the draft within the Committee and with other Members' staffs and other House committees, particularly Armed Services. He allowed me to read the section describing the exemption for contractors of

the four agencies within the Intelligence Community which the bill currently exempts from coverage: the Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). The language appeared to be acceptable in that it stated that the Committee did not intend the bill's ban to cover contractors, consultants or employees of contractors of the four agencies.

5. He stated further that the main problem he was facing was potential opposition by the Armed Services Committee. Specifically, the bill's proponents were afraid that Representative Aspin, Chairman of that Committee, would object to floor consideration of the bill on the grounds that it had not been considered by his committee although it was within its jurisdiction. Mr. Weintraub was therefore doing all he could to avoid such an objection, including attempting to keep all intelligence agencies satisfied with their exemptions.

6. He indicated that he appreciated receiving what I had provided him. He promised that he would review it and contact me next week. He also expressed a hope to receive at some point a letter from DoD (Ikle) and, perhaps, even the Agency indicating that support for the bill. I did not respond to this.

STAT

Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

Attachments:
as stated

Distribution:
Original - Leg/Sub - Polygraph
1 - D/OLL
1 - DD/OLL
1 - OLL Chrono
1 - PS Signer
LEG/OLL: (6 Dec)

STAT